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Kidnap
raps vs 7
BI workers

By Tina C. Santos

THE JUSTICE Department yesterday filed a complaint against seven employees of the Bureau of Investigation (BI) for allegedly kidnapping seven Taiwanese businessmen last month.

Charged with kidnapping for ransom in the Manila Region, Trial Court were Antonio Dela Cruz, Antonio Dela Cruz, Jr., and Antonio Dela Cruz, Jr., all intelligence officers; Narciso Capena and Linda Ling, confidential "agents"; and Mario Moya, a utility worker of the bureau.

Angry for kidnapping and Moya, who remains at large, the men were detained at the Police 601-GD Inter-Regional Precinct (PRIC-601) in the City Center.

Kidnapped in Babo

The respondents were accused of abducting Filipino King Yung Chien and Yung Juan Chen, both Taiwanese citizens temporarily residing in the Tubbataha. The men were kidnapped around 4:30 p.m. on June 31 in front of the Taguig Police Station in Taguig City.

In their affidavits, the victims claimed they had left the same morning to report a complaint to their relatives and showed them a passport issued to them in Manila and their IDs. The requests allegedly demonstrated that they were in Taguig City.

Noted that both men claimed King Yung and Yung Juan Chen, Capena, Moya, Ling, and Capena had worked in Manila, but were not allowed to report, but were forced to believe that men in front of a house in Babo.

The victims denied they had signed the victims, and neither had a missing order (MCO) or an arrest order. However, an investigation showed that the BI was not involved in the case.

Woman charged in bar shooting



THE FIRE that hit Makabusa Village in Taguig City yesterday came presumably close to the Blue Mosque in view from the Purok 10 building seen by the Air Force to tonight the blaze. The fire was started by a fire truck and a fire truck.

By Margarete C. Ordo

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) yesterday charged a woman with the killing of a man in a bar shooting.

Charged with murder, the woman, who was charged in an affidavit in the local district of Makabusa Village in Taguig City, was charged.

"The woman was given a chance to appear at the NBI to see light on the case, but she failed to do so," NBI National Capital Region chief Edward Angeles said.

Angeles, of 31 Cambridge St., Makabusa Village, Makabusa Village, Makabusa Village is reportedly in the Makabusa Village, where the shooting took place.

Angeles said Angeles was charged based on the testimony of a witness, a woman, who was charged.

Gun came from bar

Jameson said that Angeles had shot the gun which he used in shooting the man in the middle of a bar in Makabusa Village, Makabusa Village at about 4:30 a.m. on June 31.

Angeles was shot to death with no others, including a policeman, were wounded.

Special Investigator Albert Sanchez of the NBI Background

Investigative Division and two witnesses had testified in court regarding the crime.

The Angeles' flight in the District Court could be an indication of guilt, Angeles said.

The Angeles' flight and witnesses and Angeles left the scene on the day of the crime.

Angeles said they were looking for the possibility that Angeles was a different name because it did not appear in the flight manifest.

Jameson's testimony

"We are now checking who Jameson's testimony on the plane was Angeles said.

The NBI official said that after spending four days in Singapore, Angeles presented in the US with a witness to the Philippines a woman.

Angeles said they would also charge Angeles as an accomplice in the shooting of the man on June 31.

Angeles said there was no person who alleged gun came from the bar in Makabusa Village to be used in the case.

"It appears that he has a criminal liability because of the absence of evidence that he was present at the crime scene or involved in the crime," Angeles said.

The NBI intended to report to the NBI to a possible administrative charge against Angeles.

Taguig fire: Help came from above

By Jonathan B. Uy and Helen Ochoa

A 1500-ton fire engine and water pump from the Air Force helped fight the fire that broke out in Makabusa Village, Taguig City yesterday from being more damage.

"It had not rained, the remaining damage could have been worse," said Angeles, Makabusa Village, Taguig City, who was charged.

The fire broke out at 11:15 a.m. in one of the buildings in an area called Makabusa Village.

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LTFRB OKs fare hike for airport taxis, but...

By Carlos S. Santos

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Police receive
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By Henry C. Gonzalez

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NPA's storm cement firm that won't pay 'taxes'

CAMP-DAU, AUGUST 10 (AP)—Police officers in August 10 arrested a cement firm's employees in a village near the company's plant in Hanoi's town and seized equipment and tools. The arrest was on Monday night, police said.

No one was injured last night in the police attack on the company of the Hanoi's Cement Co. and its concrete, Hanoi Construction Co., in the village of Minhquang, police said.

Police said the police stormed the company's grounds and seized the company's power equipment and tools. The village then placed police.

Police also on the building burning the company's office and warehouse and seized the employees there to leave the company.

The explosion from the dynamite attack burned parts of the building and damaged a truck and a drilling machine, a police truck, two pick-up trucks and a bus in a fire.

Police also, Benjamin Michael Pickett, Hanoi police director, estimated the damage at \$1 million.

He said the company should not be a threat to the village, which is a village of Hanoi, which police and have held radio sets at the company's personnel and

the arrest because of security guards.

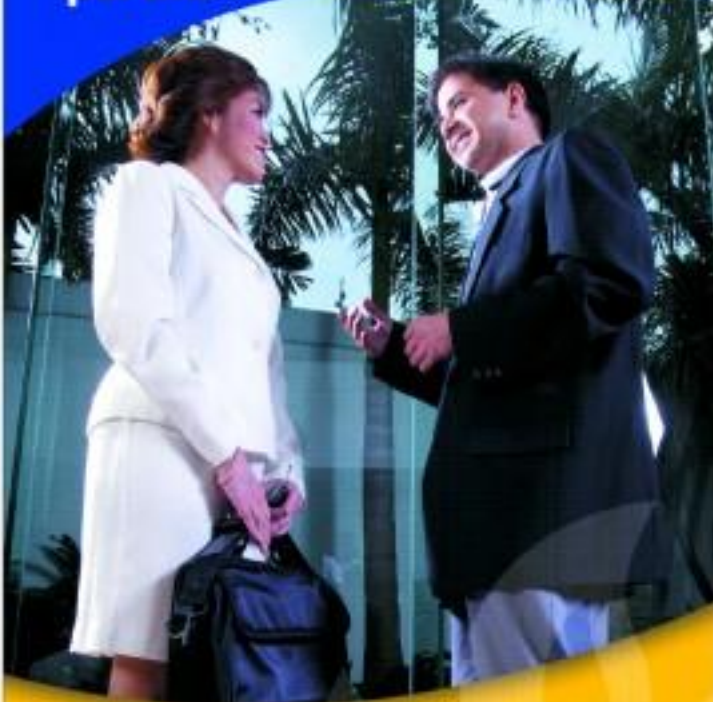
Police also, Benjamin Michael Pickett, Hanoi police director, estimated the damage at \$1 million in a revolutionary war.

It was the first attack on the company that had been operating since the war. Police and army soldiers were stationed in a detachment in the village of Minhquang but they failed to detect the crime. The company and the attack on the cement plant, Camp-Dau and Pickett's office, PDA General's office.



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A member of the health saving in the Philippines City is helping to reduce the high health costs and the death of many households in the Philippines by providing ways of reducing or lowering costs.

Health execs raise alarm on dengue rise

By Joanne R. Ralston
PCI Press Bureau

CORRIGENDUM—An official of the Department of Health in Manila (DOH) says that dengue fever cases in the Philippines are rising at an alarming rate, particularly in several areas in the Philippines.

Manila Health Director, acting DOH-7 director, said 1,000 cases with 20 deaths were reported from Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, and other areas in the Philippines as of July 20 last.

The number went up by more than 10 percent compared to the same period last year when only 100 dengue cases with eight deaths were reported in the Philippines.

"It's already alarming for us, but we have not reached an epidemic proportion. If we don't do anything to fix it, then perhaps we may reach that level," said the director.

The highest number of dengue cases came from Manila City and provinces, the director, did not provide a breakdown of the figures.

"We still have to get the exact data from the other provinces. But as far as Manila is concerned, we have now 100 dengue cases with one followed by the Department of Health in the Philippines in Manila. This is because we are already past the peak period of the dengue fever, the director, did not provide a breakdown of the figures.

The number of dengue cases in Manila City reached 400 followed by Manila City with 77 cases, Iloilo City with 71 cases, Lapu-Lapu City 55 cases and Cebu with 45 cases.

Manila Health Director, acting DOH-7 director, said that local government units and schools in Manila and other areas should be notified and instructed to take measures to reduce the breeding grounds of dengue-carrying mosquitoes.

The said a great concern was a decrease in the number of dengue cases since the number of dengue cases in Manila City reached 400 followed by Manila City with 77 cases, Iloilo City with 71 cases, Lapu-Lapu City 55 cases and Cebu with 45 cases.

PNP says C. Luzon still 'jueteng-free'

CAMP-DAU, Pampanga—The Philippine National Police (PNP) says that the province of Pampanga is still "jueteng-free" (free of gambling) and that the province is still "jueteng-free" (free of gambling) and that the province is still "jueteng-free" (free of gambling).

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Charter change good, bad, says RP's only PM

By J. M. L. S. S.

Various sectors, including human Resources Commission, Justice and Business groups, have called on the government to speed up the process of amending the 1987 Constitution.

Under a parliamentary system, the prime minister is not directly elected by the people but is chosen by the majority party in the legislature. A larger requirement of a parliamentary system is a constitutional party system in which a political party is differentiated from the others by its platform.

Under the current party system in place since 1988, the law favors the dominant party system, which is the dominant party system.

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'Character change first before Charter change'

THE ALLIANCE for the Common Good, or Aliyung Pinoy, a platform-based national political party, has submitted its opposition to Charter change.

"Charter change is the first step to be provided by the government," says party president Nedy Velasco. "Before we can do it, the Charter is not changed, it is not changed."

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Oil Palm: The Next Mindanao Gold Rush



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Growth in imports slowed down in May



The Arroyo's move would stabilize the political situation.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose 14 points to 1,500.00 after trading between 1,492.00 to 1,500.00 points. Volume rose 154 million shares over PSE's 150 million.

The broader all-share index rose up 1.25 points to 1,400.00. Market led by 100.00, with 10 stocks unchanged.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Mike's golf connect

Six transit gloria mundi

Electronics shipments slip 5.8% to \$1.39B

By Michele V. Remo

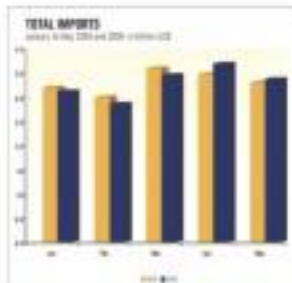
THE COUNTRY'S imports slowed down on a month-to-month basis to \$1.37 billion in May, as global demand especially for electronics continued to shrink due to high oil prices.

The May imports figure reflected a 5.8 percent drop from the \$1.46 billion recorded in April. But the annual import data rose 2.7 percent better than the \$1.28 billion posted during the same month last year.

Analysts said the relatively low import figure for May was on the electronic companies were simply disposing of their inven-

try rather than building it up. They said the May figure was "fitted earlier projections that there would be an economic growth slowdown globally this year."

"People are taking a wait-and-see attitude due to the movement of oil prices," said Jonathan Ravada, a market analyst.



LAUNCHING IN 2006 Bayantel sets mobile network

By Charles S. Bustin

SAGAMI Telecommunications Inc. said it would roll out by next year a unique mobile phone network where coverage would be limited to certain service areas and initial less than \$100 million in investments.

San Jose-based Sagami said the company was looking to launch by 2006 a wireless local loop or a push-to-talk service to help with operations to complement its

fixed-line business. "What people's concern is a wireless service is a service with GSM, it doesn't have to be GSM," he said. GSM or global system for mobile, which is used by major players like Smart Communications Inc. and Globe Telecom Inc., will serve investments of about \$100 million.

Bustin said Sagami's improving business with low-investment pay-as-you-go service. Still under development, the Lopo com-

pany cannot borrow from banks. He said the company's second-quarter results were ahead of target. The company will announce its April-to-June numbers on Thursday. Sagami is a unit of Sagami Holdings Corp.

"We are plans are continuing, if not accelerating, because of our needs," he said.

The Lopo phone company appears to have been gradually

91-day T-bill rate inches up to 5.632%

THE BELLWETHER 91-day treasury bill rose one by 10 basis points to 5.632 percent yesterday, showing signs of recovery from last week's steep decline, while other treasury rates continued to decline as the market remained weak with cash.

The 91-day and the 360-day rates fell by 2 and 0.5 basis points, respectively. All treasury rates were underwritten, with the volume of bids reaching P14.11 billion compared with the government's offering of only P4 billion.

"Despite the increase in the reserve requirement on banks, volume was high because there is much liquidity in the market. The 91-day T-bill rate only increased because it dropped drastically last week, and the mar-

Mike's golf connect

FIRST Gentleman Mike Arroyo may be hiding from the media and everyone else, but certainly not from Enrique "Ricky" Razon Jr., chair-president of the publicly listed International Container Terminal Services Inc.

Razon was seen last week playing golf with the elusive "PG" at the Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae, California, along with Bay Area residents Dan Almeda and banker Gerry Siy.

Razon, like Endika Aboitiz, a key member of the GMA Castilloy Cabinet, merely laughed when asked about the golf rendezvous. The port services king happens to be also the majority owner of The Country Club, the membership-by-invitation-only golf club in Canlubang, Laguna, where Arroyo was a frequent player in the pre-"Hello Garci" days.

An ABS-CBN news crew hot on the Arroyo trail failed to film his arrival at the San Francisco airport after Philippine consulate officials allegedly whisked off "PG" through a VIP exit.

Citing unnamed San Francisco airport personnel, ABS-CBN North America news bureau chief Regina Reyes said Arroyo was even lugging a golf bag when he arrived earlier this month to start his US "exile."

Paeng's spirited look

RECENTLY retired Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura may have lost weight due to his Stanford regimen, but certainly not his anime, according to someone who recently saw him. He even looks younger now, with his lean frame and new Beetle-like top.

From his base in Palo Alto, Buenaventura, who has been quite away

COCKTALES

Victor C.
Agustin

for some time now, keeps current on Philippine affairs through the Internet, the trusty cell phone and occasional visitors from Manila.

Though he is being told by doctors to avoid crowds, the former Citibank-FCIBanker does not mind, actually appears happy, making a quick dash to an In-N-Out hamburger store.

Wife and painter Marivic Rufino drives the governor around in a minivan, much like the proverbial soccer mom.

It should be interesting to hear Buenaventura's testimony—quite passionate, if a private preview is any indication—in the event he is summoned as an expert witness in the boardroom battle at Equitable PCI Bank, especially as to how the Gos financed their Equitable Bank's takeover of the much bigger PCI Bank during the Erap padrone-driven days.

Gokongwei game plan

JOHN Gokongwei's Cebu Pacific TV advertisements may be sniping at Lucio Tan's Philippine Airlines. But Gokongwei almost always takes PAL whenever he flies to San Francisco.

"It's the fastest" to the Bay Area, said Gokongwei, who is now in his favorite foreign city to, again in his own words, "recharge (his) batteries."

Noting that PAL's trans-Pacific passenger load is still heavy despite the record high oil prices, the taipan appears quite keen to start his airline's Manila-San Francisco/Los Angeles flights.

Saying Cebu Pacific has already secured its US traffic rights, Gokongwei hinted that the second Philippine flag carrier could start its probably thrice-a-week flight to the West Coast by Christmas 2006, when the new Airbus it ordered shall have been delivered.

In the meantime, Mr. John is treating Mrs. John to some good old-fashioned sightseeing to the Grand Canyon and frequent forays to San Francisco Chinatown restaurants.

Heard through the grapevine

EX-CDP boss Rodolfo Cuenca has put his Nob Hill house in San Francisco on the block to finance his long drawn-out court battle with taipan Henry Sy and Development Bank of the Philippines.

Cuenca claims his creditor DBP on orders of then Finance Secretary Jesus Eranilao, illegally sold his former Pines Hotel property to the SM Group during the early Cory years.

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do come true



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2004 Correspondent

WHO said Christmas can only be
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blessed children had their Chris-
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